

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and hijacking of public airwaves. This film is obviously a political commercial for the Bush campaign. Does Senator Kerry get equal time? Sinclair has many venues to show this film without it being on television, thus preserving their first amendment rights.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when companies like Sinclair control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the business bottom line and less of what we need for an informed democracy. It's important that we see substantive news about issues that matter that are not tainted by the brush of propaganda.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. The license renewal process needs taken much more seriously. Thank you.